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NOTICE OF APPEAL

Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal the final rejection of claims 1-13, 18 and 19-30 dated September 2, 2003, to the Board of Appeals. A Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 CFR 1.136(a) is being filed herewith to extend the response period to March 18, 2003.

Enclosed herewith is a check in the amount of \$330.00 to cover the fees for this action. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees due, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 16-1435. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed for that purpose.

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